



OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN

“HEAVY USE AREA PROTECTION”

Landowner/Operator: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____

Legal description of practice location: SEC _____ T _____ R _____

OVERVIEW

A properly operated and maintained heavy use area protection installation is an asset to your farm. Heavy use area protection was designed and installed as a travelway for animals, vehicles, and equipment and is intended to help protect water quality in the area. The performance life of the practice can be assured and usually increased by developing and carrying out a good operation and maintenance program.

This practice will require you to perform periodic operation and maintenance to maintain satisfactory performance. The following recommendations will help you in performing adequate operation and maintenance.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- Maintain road and pathway surfaces in good condition, which includes periodic grading and addition of surface material when necessary. Prevent surface ponding by localized grading or addition of surface materials to remove depressions. Road base-course rock may be required to stabilize the road foundation. If so, remove unstable materials and rebuild travelway.
- Promptly repair or replace damaged components.
- Remove debris or blockage in road and pathway drainage facilities. Maintain road and pathway drainage capacities.
- Remove debris from road and pathway surfaces, adjoining land areas, ditches and drainage facilities.
- Maintain good vegetative cover, mulches, and other covering installed for erosion protection. Limit traffic with fencing or barriers, where needed.
- Eradicate or otherwise remove all rodents or burrowing animals. Immediately repair any damage caused by their activity.
- Immediately repair any vandalism, vehicular or livestock damage.

SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR YOUR STRUCTURE

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CONTACT YOUR LOCAL NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE OFFICE FOR ANY ADDITIONAL TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE YOU MIGHT NEED FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PLAN FOR YOUR STRUCTURE.